

House Resolution 1118

By: Representatives Long of the 61st, Jones of the 46th, Ashe of the 56th, Taylor of the 55th, Benfield of the 85th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Deputy Chief Ernest Finley for his outstanding police service and inviting him
2 to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Ernest Finley is a long-serving member of the Atlanta Police
4 Department, the former major supervising Zone Three of Atlanta, and the current outstanding
5 deputy chief of the department; and

6 WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Finley has acted above and beyond the call of duty exhibiting a
7 strong personal commitment to his community and the citizens of this state; and

8 WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Finley has a distinguished record with the Atlanta Police
9 Department and has consistently exemplified the highest ideals of public service; and

10 WHEREAS, despite obstacles, Deputy Chief Finley has persistently followed through to
11 ensure the success of many outstanding and effective public safety programs including: the
12 creation of the BAT CAR Program to respond to burglaries and thefts in a uniquely efficient
13 manner and to focus on canvassing residential neighborhoods; the Code Enforcement
14 Program which has not only helped to clear residential streets of abandoned and illegally
15 parked vehicles but has also built strong communication bridges with local residents; the
16 Apartment Managers Meetings Program to foster relations between law enforcement and
17 high-risk residential areas; the Discretionary Units team designated to work in "hot beat"
18 areas to address high incidents of violent crime; the Decoy Details which utilize undercover
19 officers to combat crime in high-risk areas; the Auto Theft Deterrent Car which is uniquely
20 equipped to respond to auto thefts in an efficient manner; and the Quick Response Bicycle
21 Team, which is able to respond in areas that are difficult for police vehicles to reach; and

22 WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Finley has an amazing ability to turn limited resources into
23 creative and imaginative solutions to serious public safety problems; and

24 WHEREAS, his determination and character have been reflected in his professional
25 performance throughout his police career, and his high standards of conduct and achievement
26 serve as a model for all law enforcement officers and citizens of this state.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body extend to Deputy Chief Earnest Finley their sincere appreciation
29 for his courage, hard work, and dedication and commend him for his many contributions to
30 public safety and to the State of Georgia.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Deputy Chief Earnest Finley is invited to appear before
32 the House of Representatives on such date and at such time as determined by the Speaker of
33 the House of Representatives.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Deputy Chief Earnest
36 Finley.